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1. (Unclassified - GLC) Miss Natalie Martin, Press Assistant to Senator George A. Smathers, called with regard to broadcasts from Havana Radio and Caracas Radio Rumbos referring to the Venezuelan Ambassador's reaction to alleged statements by Senator Smathers with respect to U.S. assistance in the recent Venezuelan elections. Miss Martin was interested in knowing something about Radio Rumbos.

[redacted] I advised Miss Martin that this radio was regarded as a fairly objective source which was generally pro-U.S. and anti-Castro and that it was quite likely that the Ambassador had misquoted particularly by Havana Radio which had quoted Senator Smathers as advocating U.S. intervention by sending troops to Venezuela. Miss Martin said she was checking on this with the Embassy here and thanked me for our information.

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2. (Internal Use Only - JSW) The Director, accompanied by Messrs. John Clarke and John Warner, met with the CIA Subcommittee of House Appropriations. See Memorandum for the Record.

3. (Internal Use Only - JSW) Talked with Martin Swieg to confirm arrangements made yesterday to the effect that Speaker McCormack will meet the Director at 2:45 p.m. at the White House. Through arrangements with [redacted] Speaker McCormack's office was advised that [redacted] would meet the Speaker at the door and conduct him to the Situation Room where the Director will meet him.

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